

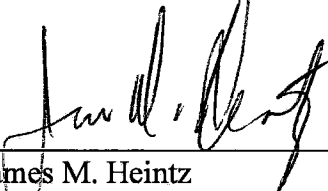
REMARKS

The final office action indicated that claims 41 and 43 were allowable. In response to this indication, claim 41 has been re-written to include all of the limitations of claim 25 from which it depended, and all other previously pending claims have been amended to depend from claim 41 or have been canceled. New claim 44, which corresponds to the previously pending but now canceled claim 38, and which depends from claim 41, has been added. No new matter has been added and support for new claim 44 can be found in the originally-filed claim 38. Applicant reserves the right to pursue the subject matter of the canceled claims in this or any other application. After entry of the amendments, all currently pending claims will depend from claim 41, which has been indicated to be allowable as discussed above.

In light of the above, Applicant submits that this application is now in condition for allowance and therefore request favorable consideration. If any issues remain which the Examiner feels may be best resolved through a personal or telephonic interview, the Examiner is respectfully requested to contact Applicant's counsel, James M. Heintz at 202.861.4167.

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